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LIBRARY ACQUIRES EARLY ATLAS AND RARE MAP

To celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of its *Road Atlas of the United States,* Rand McNally & Company planned to publish a facsimile edition of the first atlas, which was published in 1924. There was, however, no copy of the 1924 atlas in company archives, nor could an original be found in the Library of Congress or other major libraries. Accordingly, a facsimile edition of Rand McNally's 1926 *Road Atlas of the United States* was published to note the anniversary.

Shortly after the facsimile of the 1926 edition was published, Walter W. Ristow, Chief of LC's Geography and Map Division, received a letter from Norris F. Schneider of Zanesville, Ohio. "A recent news item," he wrote, "announced that Rand McNally is reprinting its 1926 road atlas because it has not been able to find a copy of the first, 1924, edition. I am enclosing," Mr. Schneider continued, "a copy of the title page of a 1924 edition that I own. It is prepared for the S. S. Kresge Company from 'Rand McNally Junior Auto Trails Atlas of the United States.' "

Mr. Schneider was referred to Paul T. Tiddens, Senior Map Editor, Rand McNally & Company. In a letter dated April 12, 1974, Mr. Schneider wrote "Rand McNally offered to buy the 1924 atlas, but I prefer to have it in a library accessible to the public. Therefore I asked Mr. Tiddens to deliver the atlas to

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DAY CARE QUESTIONNAIRE INDICATES LC STAFF INTEREST

The results of a questionnaire conducted by the Human Relations Council Task Force on Day Care, to determine the need for establishing Library-sponsored day care facilities, have been released by the Human Relations Council.

In the survey 125 Library employees indicated a desire to take advantage of a day care center near the Library, should such a service become available. Dis-

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LIBRARY APPROPRIATIONS

The Library is operating under funding authority of H.J. Res. 1062, making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1974. Operation will continue under this authority until September 30, 1974, or until the Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill for fiscal year 1975 has been enacted. The Bill passed both Houses of Congress before June 30; the Library, therefore, is authorized to continue operations under the lesser amount or the more restrictive authority in the House and Senate versions of the bill. In the case of the Library, the lesser amount is the House Bill in every instance except one. (Funds for space rentals through GSA are limited to $2,778,000 as provided in the Senate Bill.)

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satisfaction with existing outside arrangements, the survey revealed, stemmed from expense, transportation problems, inadequate and unreliable care, arrangements of only a temporary nature, and no care available on school holidays. Costs for the families presently paying for outside care ranged from $2.50 per week to $90 per week with the average being $28 per week.

The Task Force is made up of representatives of various organizations in the Library, and includes a day care specialist from Congressional Research Service. The organizations represented are the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees; Black Employees of the Library of Congress; Ethnic Employees of the Library of Congress; Federal Women's Committee; the Library of Congress Professional Association; and the Welfare and Recreation Association. Other interested employees also work with the task force.

As part of their investigation, Task Force members made visits to Federal (HEW/OE), District of Columbia, and privately sponsored day care centers. In addition, professional advisors were invited to Task Force meetings to offer guidance. Among those consulted was Fran Swift from the National Capital Day Care Center organization, a group which advises beginning day care centers. The Task Force has located a facility on Capitol Hill and has the pledge of those concerned of full cooperation in the endeavor.

Financing remains an obstacle at the moment as does meeting the requirements of the Federal and District governments. Staff for the Center will be costly. The experts recommend starting the center with no more than 55 children and estimate the total cost for the first year to be between $150,000 and $200,000.

PAPERS OF JUSTICE BLACK AVAILABLE TO READERS

Beginning July 15, there will be limited access to the papers of Hugo L. Black, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States (1937-1971). Researchers may request access through the Chief of the Manuscript Division. For the present, no access will be granted to Justice Black's Supreme Court files beyond the October 1938 term.

Papers to which access may be granted with permission include family and personal correspondence, Senate files, a nearly complete file of speeches and writings, and Supreme Court files for the 1937 and 1938 terms. A fuller description of the scope and content of the Hugo L. Black Papers may be found in the October 1973 issue of the *Quarterly Journal of the Library of Congress.*

BLIND, HANDICAPPED CHILDREN'S ADVISORY GROUP MEETS IN BOSTON

The Library of Congress Advisory Committee on Selection of Children's Books for the Blind and Physically Handicapped met for the first time in 1974 on June 7 and 8 at the Copley Plaza Hotel in Boston, Mass.

Catherine B. Wires, Selection Assistant (for juvenile and young adult material) in the Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, chaired the meeting. Also attending from the Library of Congress was Virginia Haviland, Head of the Children's Book Section, Reference Department, and a committee member.

The committee learned of the merging of the two

LATIN AMERICANISTS MEET AT LIBRARY

On May 17, the Advisory Board of the *Handbook of Latin American Studies* held its biennial meeting in the Wilson Room of the Library of Congress. The *Handbook*, a selective annotated annual bibliography prepared by a number of scholars for the Latin American, Portuguese, and Spanish Division (LAPS) of the Library, has recorded a wealth of bibliographical information on significant published writings in and about Latin American since it began publication in 1936. A humanities volume and a social sciences volume of the *Handbook* are alternately published yearly by the University of Florida Press.

Deputy Librarian John G. Lorenz and other LC staff members joined the Advisory Board at a luncheon in the Whittall Pavilion. Following the afternoon session, the annual reception honoring the Advisory Board and the Contributing Editors of the *Handbook* was held in the Whittall Pavilion.

Pictured at the meeting above are (standing, left to right): Donald E. J. Stewart, *Handbook* Editor; Dolores M. Martin, Assistant Editor; Bryce Wood, Emergency Committee to Aid Latin American Scholars; Earl J. Pariseau, Assistant Chief, LAPS Division; Janice M. Herd, *Handbook* Editorial Assistant; Cole Blaisier, University of Pittsburgh; Frank N. Dauster, Rutgers University at New Brunswick; and William B. Harvey, Director, University of Florida Press. Seated are: Joseph Grunwald, The Brookings Institution; Javier Malagón, General Secretariat, Organization of American States; Mary Ellis Kahler, Chief, LAPS Division; Charles Gibson, University of Michigan; Paul L. Berry, Director of the Reference Department; and Betty J. Meggers, Smithsonian Institution.

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units in the Division that heretofore have been separately responsible for selections for national distribution and for the national collections. As a group, the members recommended 60 juvenile and young adult titles for volunteer production or mass distribution by the division as braille or recorded disc or cassette books.

One session held at the Perkins School for the Blind in nearby Watertown enabled the committee to tour the school and related facilities and to meet the following staff members: Benjamin F. Smith, Director; Gisella Titman, Massachusetts regional librarian for the blind and physically handicapped; Kathleen McLaughlin, braille librarian in the regional library; and Harry J. Friedman, Manager of Howe Press.

Other members of the committee attending were Ethanne Smith, children's librarian at Perkins School; Margaret S. Skiff, Coordinator of Children's Services at Cuyahoga County Public Library, Cleveland, Ohio; and Carolyn W. Field, Coordinator of the Office of Work with Children, The Free Library of Philadelphia. The committee meets twice a year.

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you as a gift to the Library of Congress."

Through this generous act, Mr. Schneider has added this rare first edition to the Geography and Map Division's extensive and historic collection of automobile road atlases.

The Division's collections were further enriched when Mr. and Mrs. Julian E. Berla of Washington, D.C., presented to the Library a rare Japanese manuscript scroll map which is believed to have been

drawn in the early years of the 18th century. The colorful pictorial map shows the historic land route, the Tōkaidō Road, between Edo (modern Tokyo) and Osaka, and the land and sea routes between Osaka and Nagasaki. It measures 14 inches in width and is approximately 40 feet long. Although the collections of the Geography and Map Division include a number of early Chinese and Korean scroll maps, the Berla gift is the Division's first Japanese map in this format.

STAFF NEWS

DEATH OF FORMER STAFF MEMBER

Jack Levin, lawyer, political scientist, and former consultant to Members of Congress, died Friday, June 14, at the age of 75. Mr. Levin, who joined the staff of the former Legislative Reference Service as a Housing Analyst in September 1946, was employed by the Library of Congress for 10 years. He worked as a consultant to several Members of Congress, including the late Senator Estes Kefauver, with whom he wrote a book entitled *20th Century Congress.*

Mr. Levin's other Government service included positions with the Peoples' Legislative Service, the National Recovery Administration, the Rural Electrification Administration, and the National Housing Agency.

In addition to his wife, Lillian, he is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Neil Weinrob of Mt. Kisco, N.Y., and Mrs. Laurence Abramson of Silver Spring, Md., six grandchildren, and a sister, Rae Auslander of Tocoma, Wash.

MEMORIAL TO FORMER STAFF MEMBER

The June 1974 issue of the *Annals of the Association of American Geographers* includes a biographical memorial of **Arch C. Gerlach** (1911-1972), by Meredith F. Burrill, retired Executive Secretary of the United States Board on Geographic Names. Mr. Gerlach, who died May 20, 1972, served as Chief of the Library's Geography and Map Division from 1950 to 1967, when he resigned to accept an appointment as Chief Geographer, U.S. Geological Survey, the position he held at the time of his death.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Appointments: Pauline Braan, clerk-typist, GS-4, DBPH, 6765; Susan Goonan, clerk-typist, GS-1, Cop Serv, NP; David Joe Lewis, library aid, GS-1, S&R, NP; Anthony S. Makris, mail clerk, GS-1, Cop Serv, 10-200; Helen F. Talbert, MARC keyboarder, GS-4, MARC Ed, 6775; Cosmo D. Tassone, cataloging editor, GS-9, Cat Publ, 6632; John H. Westerhoff, research analyst, GS-9, FRD, 6431; Peggy Williams, clerk-typist, GS-2, Cat Publ, 7-500; Robert R. Williams, mail clerk, GS-3, Ord, 6551; William A. Yarwood, subject cataloger, GS-9, Sub Cat, 6672.

Temporary Appointments: Judith L. DeWalt, clerk-typist, GS-1, Cop Exam, NP; Ralph Dudley, warehouseman, WG-4, DBPH; Hermant Franssen, analyst in science and technology, GS-13, CRS SPR, NP; Paula J. Green, clerical assistant, GS-3, DBPH, NP; John F. Stuart, arranger, GS-4, Cat Mgmt, NP; Linda C. Stewart, library technician, GS-4, DBPH, NP; Georgette Vincent, clerk-typist, GS-1, Cop Ref, NP; Jean M. Walters, acquisitions librarian, GS-9, Lib Res, NP.

Reappointment: Lillian V. Messicks, copyright examiner, GS-11, Cop Exam, NP.

Promotions: Michael A. Caldwell, to clerical assistant, GS-3, DBPH; Robert J. DeCostin, to legal analyst, GS-11, CRS A, 6766; Eric D. Fenner, to clerical assistant, GS-3, DBPH, NP; Edward A. Kapusciarž, to head, arts section, GS-13, Cop Cat, 6750; Cheryl Denise McKenzie, to clerk-typist, GS-3, Cop Serv, 7-200; Diana S. Ramsey, to searcher and general assistant, GS-5, GR&B, 6771; Wayne E. Wood, to correspondence clerk, GS-3, Cop Exam, 5-200.

Transfers: Donna M. Johns, Ser Rec, to library technician, Cop Ref, GS-7, 6714; Merita S. Johnson, FRD, to editorial assistant, CRS A, GS-4, 6759.

Resignations: Marcellus Breach, DBPH; Patty Sue Campbell, Cop Serv; Norman A. Cohan, S&R; Mark A. Epstein, Ser Rec; Bruce J. Fairchild, LL Eur; Anthony L. Harvey, ISO; Michael A. Hawkins, Ser; Paula M. McCoy, CRS A; Joseph H. Parker, Pers Sec; Siti A. Prajogo, Desc Cat; Marion Schlefer, CRS E; Wendy L. Whitehead, CRS D; Donald K. Wittig, CRS C; Evan R. Hoorneman, CRS A; David P. Bird, CRS A; Roy H. Miller, CRS A.

STAFF ACTIVITIES

Ranjan Borra, Reference Librarian for India and Bangladesh, Southern Asia Section, Orientalia Division, presented a paper entitled "The Philosophical, Social and Political Contents of a Free India as Envisaged by Subhas Chandra Bose" at the 10th Annual Conference on Bengal Studies held at Duke University, Durham, N.C., on April 26-28.

William A. Gosling, CIP Program Manager, represented the Library of Congress at the annual meeting of the American Association of University Presses (AAUP) at Spring Lake, N.J., on June 16-18. The theme of this year's conference was "International Markets and Rights."

James M. Hahn, Assistant Chief for Reader Services, DBPH, was one of 13 authorities from the

library profession and related fields who participated as visiting faculty members in the Institute on Library Services for the Handicapped and Institutionalized on May 26-31 at the School of Information and Library Studies, State University of New York at Buffalo. In his major presentation, Mr. Hahn reviewed library service to the blind and physically handicapped nationwide and he traced its history through developments in technology, delivery systems, and public library involvement. The institute was designed for 50 selected library consultants, teachers of library services to the handicapped, and librarians responsible for providing services to the exceptional, as a means of updating the training of professional librarians for service to the handicapped so that they, in turn, can conduct their own training programs.

Leo A. Orleans, Reference Department Office, is the author of an article in the May issue of *The American Statistician* entitled "Chinese Statistics: The Impossible Dream" in which he discusses traditional Chinese attitudes towards statistics and relates them to the present statistical system and its problems.

Yolanda Shashaty, Library Technician in the Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, is currently participating in a group show of paintings at the Henri Gallery at P and 21st Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. Her paintings, in acrylic on large, unstretched canvas, are abstractions using a variety of textures and color combinations.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

First-prize winner in the Library of Congress **Philatelic Club's** semi-annual display contest, held July 2, was Bill Gosling, CIP Program Manager, for his display of East German definitives illustrating two different methods of printing. Second prize went to Bob Lisbeth, Information Office, for his first flight cover dated from Savannah, Ga., and a story surrounding the cover. Kajak Balekjian, Descriptive Cataloging Division, who presented a display of 1970 U.S. Christmas stamps and covers, and Patrick Bernard, Catalog Publication Division, who displayed the U.S. Project Mercury man-in-space stamp, tied for third place.

In a separate category for topical displays, there was also a tie—this time between Arline Custer, Editor of NUCMC, who displayed U.S. plate blocks of National Park issues, and Anthony Nicastro, Catalog Publication Division, who selected foreign stamps commemorating people and events in American history.

Elizabeth Jenkins and **Paul Joffe** were married on June 30 at the Cedar Lane Unitarian Church in Bethesda, Md. Miss Jenkins is a Reference Specialist, General Reference and Bibliography Division, in the Main Reading Room. Mr. Joffe is an attorney with the Administrative Law Office of the Judge Advocate General of the Navy in the Arlington Navy Annex.

A daughter, Susan, was born to **Mr. and Mrs. Ernesto P. Canlas** of Hillcrest Heights, Md., on June 19. Mrs. Canlas is the Assistant Division Secretary in the Prints and Photographs Division and Mr. Canlas is employed by the Prince George's County Government.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS PUBLICATIONS

Annual Report of the Register of Copyrights for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1973. ISSN 0090-2845. 1974. (18 p.) This report is reprinted from the *Annual Report of the Librarian of Congress.* Free upon request to the Register of Copyrights, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20559.

Information on the MARC System. 4th edition. 1974. (iv, 48 p.) Available by request from the Central Services Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20540.

Prepared by the MARC Development Office, this publication contains a description of the MARC communications format, a summary of how machine-readable records are created and used, information about the MARC Distribution Service, and a selected bibliography of publications concerning MARC, written by either Library of Congress staff members or others.

In addition, there is a report on automation in technical processing at the Library, which summarizes the principal activities of the MARC Development Office. This publication is intended to provide a general background for the reader, who can then seek more detailed information from the professional literature or other sources.

Library of Congress Regulation: No. 1816, page 6 (June 7) concerned the privilege of the Exit Inspection Waiver.

Special Announcements: No. 638 (June 10) reported the membership of the Federal Women's Program Committee; No. 639 (June 11) announced the Fourth of July holiday; No. 640 (June 12) scheduled the shuttle bus service from the RFK Free Fringe Parking Area to the Library; No. 641 (June

19) outlined the Equal Employment Opportunity Plan of Affirmative Action for Fiscal Year 1975; No. 642 (July 2) named staff members to serve on the Librarian's Affirmative Action Advisory Committee.

NEW REFERENCE WORKS

A computer-produced *Main Reading Room Reference Collection Subject Catalog* is now available for consultation in the Main Reading Room, Annex Reading Room, and in various other reading rooms, divisions, and offices. This catalog is a product of a joint project of the General Reference and Bibliography Division and the MARC Development Office and is the first printout to include both monographs and serials in the Main Reading Room reference collection. It contains 10,613 monographs and 2,565 serials in 544 pages. An internal document, it has been reproduced from computer printout for use within the Library. The Library plans to publish the Main Reading Room subject catalog and shelflist for outside distribution in 1975; these catalogs will be sold by the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office. [*Ann Gardner*]

The McGraw-Hill Encyclopedia of World Biography (New York, McGraw-Hill, 1973. 12 v. CT103.M27. $275) comprises 4,000,000 words in 5,000 articles on men and women from all fields and ages, with a special attempt at reflecting "the emergence of the Third World in America's consciousness and the significance of 20th-century movements in art and thought." It was "conceived primarily for the use of students in classrooms and in school, college, and public libraries."

The compilers have omitted articles for some well-known figures, and included some articles for those who are more obscure, the aim being to select the "subjects not by conventional standards of importance or familiarity, but by the standard of representativeness." Thus "unfamiliar" names in "Afro-American history, Indian nationalism, pan-Africanism, and the Chinese revolution" are included, while some "well-known" Civil War generals may be omitted.

Planning outlines for the work were reviewed by 36 members of an International Advisory Panel in an attempt to minimize parochialism in the choice of names. Articles were written by 884 specialists, "chiefly but not entirely academic, in the United States and abroad." All articles are signed and each article begins with the subject's complete name and dates in a short paragraph, printed in color, which provides a capsule identification and a statement of the individual's significance. There follows a more extensive treatment of the life (averaging about 800 words, or one column on the two-columned page), which concludes with a "Further Reading Section." This consists of "1) references to one or more Study Guides in Volume 12 and to related articles in the text and 2) a bibliographical essay."

Almost every article includes at least one illustration, some in color, and the whole work contains 200 historical maps. The 17 outlines that served as planning devices were revised and published in Volume 12 as the aforementioned Study Guides. The Index lists persons, places, battles, treaties, institutions, buildings, inventions, books, pictures, ideas, styles, movements, and occupations; it also includes headings such as "child prodigies," "the blind," and "assassination victims."

The Index entry for a person includes a brief identification and the person's dates. The *Encyclopedia* is included in the reference collections of the Main Reading Room. [*Robert Zich*]

Somewhere Else; A Living-Learning Catalog, edited by The Center for Curriculum Design of Evanston, Ill., (Chicago, Swallow Press, 1973. 213 p. AS8.C4 1973. $6), is an annotated guide to education ordinarily not obtainable through conventional schools. It is organized into two parts: Centers (where to go for instruction) and Networks (where to go for information about instruction). Within each part, the arrangement is by category, such as Artisan and Skills, Social and Political Change, and Outdoors. Additional approaches to the listings are provided by Geographical and Alphabetical indexes. *Somewhere Else* is in the Main Reading Room reference collection. [*Evelyn Timberlake*]

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